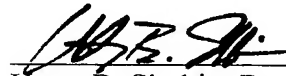


## REMARKS

The only issues outstanding in the Office Action mailed August 30, 2006, are the rejections under 35 U.S.C §§103 and 112. Claims 18, 22 and 23 have been allowed (see page 4 of the Office Action). Accordingly, the present claims have been limited to allowed subject matter, with dependent claims 4 - 10 being amended so as to depend upon allowable process claim 18, in a self-evident manner. It is accordingly respectfully submitted that all the claims of the application are in condition for allowance. However, should the Examiner have any questions or comments, she is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned at the number below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

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